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TOWN MANAGER

SPRING 2010
MARCH, APRIL, MAY

SPRING CLEAN-UP

For many years, the Town has set aside special days to provide its residents a town-wide clean up day. This clean up day was established to allow residents the opportunity to get rid of items above and beyond weekly household garbage such as items stored in the attic or storage shed. In an effort to make this process as orderly as possible we will be following guidelines if you opt to participate in the clean up. In addition to collecting items you wish to discard around your house, this may be a good time to network with neighbors to assess the condition of your neighborhood. Individual organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Civic Groups may want to work with the Town to beautify our Parks. The Adopt a Street program is still active and it may be an opportunity for the organizations/residents that have adopted a street to encourage the residents that reside on the street to participate in the town wide clean up.

Clean Up dates are as follows:

Delmar, Delaware – Wed & Thurs – April 14th & 15th 2010

Delmar, Maryland – Tues & Wed – April 20th & 21st 2010

Collection times will be between the hours of 7:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.



To participate in the Spring Clean Up, we are asking residents or civic organizations and any other special interest groups to contact the Town's Administrative Office no later than the week prior to collection and provide the following:

- 1) Resident's name or the Organization's name
- 2) Your Address or the location your organization will be providing clean up
- 3) For organizations that are looking to participate in the clean up, provide the Town with a contact person and telephone number.

After this information is received the Administrative Office will provide you with oral confirmation that the resident or the organization has been added to the list to participate in the Spring Clean-Up Program. The Administrative Office will also provide the Public Works Department with a list of all the participants and the locations for the special garbage collection. **This special clean-up collection is only available for our current weekly garbage service customers.**

Items that are **NOT** eligible for collection:

Automobiles

Oil, Gas Cans

Riding Lawn Mowers

Air Conditioners

Construction Materials

Large Tree Stumps

Automotive Parts

Heavy Machinery

Tires

Freezers, Refrigerators

Paint

Sleep Sofas

Chemicals

Any item containing Freon

Limbs over 3 ft. and not bundled will not be removed. Window Frames will need to have the glass removed before it is picked up. Only one couch per household will be removed and one box spring and one mattress per household will be removed. **Any other items deemed excessive by Public Works will NOT be removed.**

Although there are two days scheduled per State, there will only be one pick up per location. You will **NOT** receive collection on both days.

The United States Census 2010

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Define Who We Are As a Community and a Nation

The March mailing of the Census Questionnaire is upon us. The Town of Delmar Administration and Elected Officials along with the U.S. Census Bureau encourage each household to complete the questionnaire and return it on April 1 (Census Day). Don't let April catch you being foolish; send your completed questionnaire back as everyone counts.



The Importance of a Complete Count Data Census:

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than **\$400 billion** dollars to states and communities based, in part, on census data. **The Town of Delmar relies on receiving its fair share of the allocations in order to be able to finance many of the programs and services that are provided to its residents.**
- Census data are used to help determine the allocation of federal funds used for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals. **This too is important to Delmar residents.**

The 2010 Census Questionnaire – Easy, Important, and Safe.

- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's response with anyone, including other federal agencies (e.g. Immigration and Naturalization Services) and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees are subject to a **\$250,000 Fine** and/or **A 5-Year Prison Term** for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household in order to protect your answers.
- 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) will help the hearing impaired. Contact the Regional Census Center at 215-717-1800 for more details and QAC locations or go to www.census.gov/2010census.

The Census Bureau is hiring part-time persons for 2010 Census Jobs. Interested persons can go to 2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010 toll-free. Census workers must pass security and employment reference checks.

IT'S IN OUR HANDS!!!

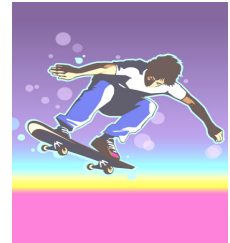
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

The Town of Delmar through Sussex County Department of Housing and Development (DCDH) is a CDBG participant with the State of Delaware for housing rehabilitation funding to low-moderate income qualified owner/occupants who have unsafe, non-compliant housing code conditions. Delaware's funding round is requested granted annually. This office is accepting applications from potential Delaware candidates for the State FY 2011 funding round. You are encouraged to apply now if interested. There are currently six (6) applicants on the waiting list. Grant funding is allocated to those qualified applicants to first time applicants on a first come basis. Repeat qualified applicants will receive funding thereafter when it is available. The Town will submit an application to Sussex County DCHD late fall, 2010. Sussex County DCDH will submit their application to the State of DE in February 2011.

Program requirements and qualifications as well as applications for Sussex County, Delaware residents living within the Town limits are available at Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD 21875 by contacting William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 ext. 103, Monday-Friday, 8:15 AM – 4:30 PM. Those persons living outside Town limits in Sussex County should contact the office of William Lecates, Community Development & Housing at 302-855-7777. William Hardin, CDC

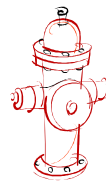
Spring is Coming Soon!!!!

With spring just around the corner, the community youth will be returning to the parks, baseball fields, basketball courts and skate park. Automobile drivers look out for kids in the street!!!! Youth look out for reckless drivers!!!! Parents encourage your youth and youth encourage each other to enjoy the recreational facilities throughout Town by being safe and drug free. The Town needs you to be responsible and willing to help it care for the recreational facilities here by reporting vandalism and crime to your parents or the Police Department!!!! Reporting wrong doing is not snitching it's the right thing to do. If we don't work together to protect what we have it will be lost and there are no funds to replace it. William Hardin, CDC



NOTICE from the Public Works Department

Attention Water Customers!!
There will be **hydrant flushing on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 9:00 p.m. until completion.** Low water pressure and/or discoloration may be experienced temporarily. We suggest storing drinking water in advance for this period and we apologize for any inconvenience.



ATTENTION LANDLORDS AND HOMEOWNERS

The Town of Delmar maintains a revolving loan program for landlords who own rental properties in the Town limits of Delmar, Maryland. You may be eligible to obtain a low interest housing rehabilitation loan. The program is available on rental properties only. Homeowners may qualify for funds made available through a Community Development Block Grant, to assist in making repairs and /or improvements to both the interior and exterior of the property. The Town of Delmar reviews and approves all applications in accordance with set guidelines and procedures. For more information, contact Community Development Coordinator, William Hardin at 410-896-2777, ext. 103.

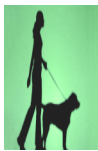
Grass and Sidewalks

It is getting close to that time of year when we will once again be doing yard work, cutting the grass, and trimming. Please be mindful that the Town of Delmar has an ordinance that requires that not only should you keep your grass cut, but the **property owners are also responsible for keeping the grass out of the sidewalk cracks.**

With it being the beginning of a new growth season, keeping the grass out will be easier to do if it's maintained throughout the season.

Rules For Rover

The Town of Delmar would like to issue a reminder that there is an Ordinance referring to animal care and control. The basic guidelines are as follows:



1. Cruelty to animals is prohibited. Owners are required to supply food, water, shelter with sufficient air and ventilation, and veterinary care as needed.
 2. It is unlawful to permit your pet to run at large (not under control by leash, chain, or cord).
 3. Confinement of a female pet in heat is required.
 4. Dog licenses are required. The Town of Delmar no longer offers that service. Dog licenses are provided by the County for both States in the Town.
 5. All pets must be vaccinated for Rabies and proof of vaccination readily available.
 6. Frequent and disturbing noises by the dogs are prohibited within Town limits.
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Town Hall Holiday Closings

Friday, April 2, 2010
Good Friday

Monday, May 31, 2010
Memorial Day

The Town of Delmar accepts **Credit Cards** for ALL Town accounts and fees:

- Taxes
- Special Garbage Pick-Ups
- Utilities
- Building Permits
- Rental or Business licenses

We will gladly accept the following credit cards...

VISA, DISCOVER, and
MASTERCARD

We also will accept your Debit Card as long as it has a Visa or MasterCard logo.

If I Were Mayor, I Would... Contest

Please note that due to school closings caused by record amounts of snow, the deadline to submit student essays for the "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

Essay Contest has been extended to:

Postmarked by April 9.

Maryland Municipal League (MML) will send postcard notifications to schools via mail on March 1. If you are working with a school, it would be helpful for you to make a call to make sure they know the deadline has been extended. They are still hoping for great participation from schools especially since we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the contest this year. In recognition of this special occasion, the Maryland Municipal League will choose one grand prize winner from among the 11 MML district winners who will read his/her essay at the Awards Ceremony at the State House scheduled to take place on Friday, May 21 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

The grand prize winner will also receive a Tuesday night room accommodation during MML's convention and be invited to read his/her essay during the inaugural dinner Tuesday night.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Burrell or Sharon Easton at the Maryland Municipal League.

News for the Delmar Middle School

Registration for 6th Grade for Current 5th Grade Delmar Elementary School Students is Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Middle School **Health Day** is May 28,



2010. If you have a business or community based organization that would like to set up a booth geared

toward promoting healthy

behavior please contact Mrs. Neubert at 302-846-9544 or

bneubert@delmar.k12.de.us.

Delmar School District Calendar

March 10- DSTP Math Exam (Grades 6-10)
March 11- DSTP Math Exam (Grades 6-10)
March 15- DSTP Reading Exam (Grades 6-10)
March 16- DSTP Reading Exam (Grades 6-10)
March 18- DSTP Writing Exam (Grades 8 & 10)
March 19- DSTP Writing Exam (Grades 8 & 10)
March 24- DE FFA State Convention
March 26- End of Term 3

April 1- Report Cards Distributed
April 2-9- Spring Break (closed)
April 15- Science Fair
April 15- Prom/After Prom Committee (3-4 pm)
April 15- MS Band Concert (7-8 pm)
April 16- SGA Blood Drive (all day)
April 22- Prom/After Prom Committee (3-4 pm)
April 22- HS Band Concert (7-8 pm)
April 23- In-Service Day (Staff report only)
April 29- Prom/After Prom Committee (3-4 pm)
April 30- MS Drama Production (All day)

May 3- MS Drama in Auditorium (3-4 pm)
May 6- Mid-Term 4
May 6- Prom/After Prom Committee (3-4 pm)
May 8- Prom at Dove Pointe/After Prom Party
May 10- Graduation Committee (3-4 pm)
May 13- IPR's Distributed
May 13- HS Chorus Concert (7-8 pm)
May 14- MS Assembly/HS Chorus Concert (All day)
May 17- FFA Banquet (All day)
May 17- Graduation Committee (3-4 pm)
May 18- DSTP Science Exam (Grades 8 & 11)
May 19- DSTP Social Studies Exam (Grades 8 & 11)
May 20- Senior Exams
May 20- Senior Awards (7-8 pm)
May 21- Senior Exams
May 21- Seniors Last Day
May 24- Graduation Committee (3-4 pm)
May 24- MS Drama in Auditorium (3-4 pm)
May 25- Sports Awards (7-8 pm)
May 26- Band Awards (7-8 pm)
May 27- HS Awards (7-8 pm)
May 28- MS Health Day (All day)
May 31- Memorial Day- School Closed

June 1- Noon Dismissal- Exams
Exams 1 & 2
June 1- 8th Grade Awards (10-11 am)
June 2- Noon Dismissals- Exams
Exams 3 & 4
June 2- 7th Grade Awards (10-11 am)
June 3- Noon Dismissals- Exams

Exams 5 & 6
June 3- 6th Grade Awards (10-11 am)
June 4- Noon Dismissal- Exams
Exams 7 & 8
June 4- Students Last Day
June 4- Graduation (7-8 pm)
June 14- Report Cards Mailed

News from the Delmar Library

March 18, 2010

Teddy Bear Picnic-

6:30 p.m. Sign-up necessary, walk-in space if available

April 7, 2010

No Story Time

April 13, 2010

Think Spring-Afternoon cooking program for adults with Chef Bonnie from 1-3 pm. Sign-up is necessary

Folk Heroes- 7 pm- Musical entertainment Old and New American and Irish folk tunes

April 22, 2010

Scandinavian Stories & Crafts- 6:30 p.m. Presented by American Swedish Historical Museum

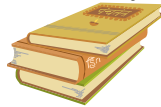
May 5, 2010

Tea for Two-Chef Bonnie (must be 8 years of age or older) with an adult. Children will be doing the preparation. Adults will be invited in and seated by their child host.

Space- the Final Frontier- The last half of May and the first half of June there will be a Space movie every Thursday night. May 20th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. If you are a TREKKIE, they will be showing Star Trek movies on Thursdays in June at 6:30 p.m. and a special Star Trek and the Water Planet on the 17th of June as a lead into the summer reading program” Make a Splash at Your Library”. Sign up can begin that night.

June 24, 2010

Mike Rose- Magician is being sent from the State of Delaware as the opening performer for the Summer Reading Program.



Delmar Revitalization Committee

The DRC has been getting ready for Spring. They have opened a temporary home for the Delmar Historical Museum. It is located at 10 N. Pennsylvania Avenue on the Downtown in Delmar, DE.

It features several displays from local collectors from old items to sports team pictures from long ago. Donations will be appreciated to raise funds to restore the former Dr. Larimore's office into a permanent home for the Delmar artifacts. Hours that the temporary museum will be open are Thursdays and Fridays 11 am to 7 pm. and Saturday 10 am to 7 pm. Soon DRC of Delmar will be on Facebook and you can become a member or a friend.

DRC also held a meeting with Rick Ferrell from "Downtown Delaware" to get ideas and directions on how to get more involvement from the current property and business owners. The DRC will be holding a meeting on April 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall to start planning for this years Heritage Day Festival which will be held on October 2, 2010. They are looking for food, craft and activity vendors. Contact William Hardin at Delmar Town Hall 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 at ext. 103.

The DRC holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Pop Warner Schedule



Delmar Pop Warner Football & Cheer Signups, March 27, 2010 at Delmar High School

Cheer from 8 am to 9:30 am

Football 9:30 am to 11am

Delmar Pop Warner **Chicken BBQ**

scheduled for April 10, 2010 at the Wilmington Trust Bank

Rain date: April 11, 2010

Delmar Pop Warner is having a **Poker**

Night at Full House Poker Parlor in

Delmar State Line Plaza on April 15, 2010 and May 29, 2010 from 6 pm to Midnight.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar Events

Easter Egg Hunt- 1:00 p.m., March 27, 2010 held at the Delmar High School Football Field

(Rain date April 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.)

Easter Sunrise

Service- April 4, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.

held at All Saints Episcopal Church located on the corner of 10th and State Street.

Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast- May 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephens Church, Camelot Hall.



Delmar Lions Club 17th Annual Spring Golf Tournament

When: Good Friday, April 2, 2010

Registration at 8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Where: Nutters Crossing Golf Course

Format: 2-Man Scramble

Donation: \$70.00 per player/ \$140.00 per team



\$190.00 Corporate Sponsorship-

includes sponsorship of a 2 player team and a professionally designed sign with your

company's name placed at the tee box of a hole.

Price includes golf, cart, lunch following golf, prizes for closest to the pin, hole in one, long drive, and prizes for both net and gross divisions.

For more information contact Dave Burton (302)-846-9860

All registrations must be received by March 26, 2010.

Please make checks payable to: Delmar Lions Club Golf

Rain Gardens

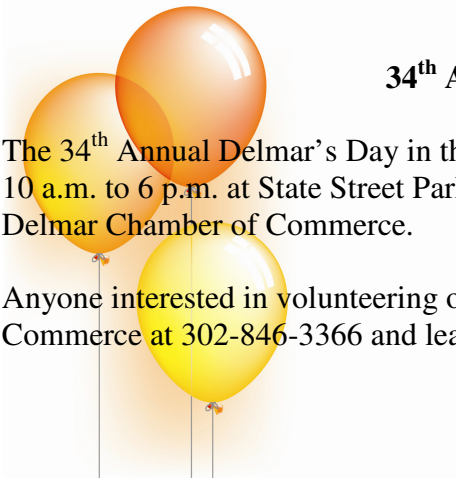
Rain Gardens (A household way to improve water quality in your community)

Rain gardens are just what they sound like- gardens that soak up rain water, mainly from your roof, but also from your driveway and lawn. They are landscaped areas planted with wild flowers and other vegetation to replace areas of lawn. The gardens fill with a few inches of water and allow the water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running off to storm drains.

Compared to a patch of conventional lawn, a rain garden allows about 30 % more water to soak into the ground. Holding back the runoff helps prevent pollutants such as fertilizers from washing off your yard, into storm sewers, and eventually into nearby streams and lakes. By reducing the amount of water that enters the local storm drain systems, rain gardens can also reduce the chances for local flooding, as well as bank and shoreline damage where storm drains empty into streams and lakes.

People in many parts of the country are starting to build rain gardens in their yards and promoting their use in other locations, such as neighborhood parks. You can help in your own yard by simply building one or more rain gardens to collect runoff from your roof. Rain water can sometimes be collected from your driveway or lawn by locating a rain garden in a low spot where the water naturally drains.





34th Annual Day in the Park

The 34th Annual Delmar's Day in the Park will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at State Street Park. It's a fun filled day sponsored by the Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone interested in volunteering or setting up as a vendor, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 302-846-3366 and leave your contact information.

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